



**Northumberland**  
County Council

**Learning & Skills Service**

**Horticulture & Land Based  
Course Descriptions**

## Northumberland Learning & Skills Service Course Description

<b>Course title</b>	<b>Chainsaw Maintenance and Cross-Cutting</b>
<b>Level</b>	<b>Level 1</b>
<b>Accredited</b>	Yes
<b>Who is this course for?</b>	This course is for anyone aged 19 or over.
<b>What will I study? (Key modules or content)</b>	Chainsaws are powerful and dangerous tools, therefore it is essential when operating and maintaining them that you have total confidence and expertise in what you are doing, so avoiding accidents. This two day Chainsaw Maintenance and Cross-cutting course will provide you with the appropriate techniques and safety guidelines to ensure that you are not only confident when using a chainsaw but also aware of relevant health and safety guidelines making sure you stay protected. Our chainsaw training is delivered by experienced instructors to small groups, this way you receive plenty of individual attention. The course will include an overview of chainsaw and maintenance equipment, maintaining the saw chain, maintaining the guide bar, power unit maintenance, starting the chainsaw and pre-cutting tests and cross-cutting timber.
<b>What are the Entry requirements?</b>	This course will be suitable for you if you work in, or are looking to work in any of the following industries: Agriculture, Horticulture, Woodland, Local Authorities, Conservation, Construction, Land-based. <b>Please Note:</b> Due to the nature of the training a minimum level of fitness will be required for specific operations. Whilst we would not want to disadvantage you as a learner, it is an essential requirement.
<b>Requirements of the course (e.g. kit/uniform info)</b>	None
<b>Progression and Careers</b>	After completing this course, you will be able to progress to the Chainsaw Professional course
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## Northumberland Learning & Skills Service Course Description

<b>Course title</b>	<b>Chainsaw Professional</b>
<b>Level</b>	<b>Level 2</b>
<b>Accredited</b>	Yes
<b>Who is this course for?</b>	This course is for anyone aged 19 or over.
<b>What will I study? (Key modules or content)</b>	<p>Undertaking the Chainsaw Professional course will enable you to prove your competence in forestry and/or arboriculture operations and evidence your ability to meet licence to practice standards. You will develop your knowledge, understanding and skills and require proof of competence within your field of expertise. You may already be using your skills across a range of trees and timber operations however, this course will enable you to become a more confident worker meeting the current standards of good working practice.</p> <p>To achieve this course learners must carry out maintenance of chainsaw and cutting system, cross-cut timber using a chainsaw. Due to the nature of this qualification a minimum level of fitness would be required for specific operations. Whilst we would not want to disadvantage anybody it is an essential requirement.</p>
<b>What are the Entry requirements?</b>	This course will be suitable for you if you work in, or are looking to work in any of the following industries: Agriculture, Horticulture, Woodland, Local Authorities, Conservation, Construction, Land-based.
<b>Requirements of the course (e.g. kit/uniform info)</b>	None
<b>Progression and Careers</b>	On completion of this qualification you will have the opportunity to obtain a competency card for employment within the key professional sectors, enabling further employment opportunities.
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<b>Course title</b>	<b>Getting started in Horticulture</b>
<b>Level</b>	<b>Entry</b>
<b>Accredited</b>	No
<b>Who is this course for?</b>	This course is designed for anyone aged 19 or over.
<b>What will I study? (Key modules or content)</b>	This course provides a practical introduction to the horticulture sector to support engagement, participation, achievement and progression . It offers important industry insight to help learners to make informed career decisions.
<b>What are the Entry requirements?</b>	There are no entry requirements for these sessions. They are perfect for absolute beginners.
<b>Requirements of the course (e.g. kit/uniform info)</b>	None
<b>Progression and Careers</b>	On this course you will develop your skills and have an opportunity to progress onto the level 2 Award in Customer Service in Leisure Industry.
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